2. Setting up of a "Centenary Museum" at Digboi.

3. Release of a commemorative stamp by the Department of Posts along with a first day cover.

Demand and production of CNG

272. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CNG is in high demand to control pollution in metro cities;

(b) if so, the steps taken to provide CNG on priority;

(c) the total production of CNG annually *vis-a-vis* the demand; and

(d) the steps taken to reduce the gap between supply and demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) At present the supply of CNG is limited to the two cities of Delhi and Mumbai among the Metros. 87 stations in Delhi and 24 in Mumbai have already been opened to provide CNG to vehicles.

(c) There is no production of CNG. Natural gas is merely compressed to a high pressure for use in vehicles. Total allocation of Natural Gas to Mumbai and Delhi is 1.08 MMSCMD, which is greater than present demand.

(d) As on date there is no shortage of CNG *vis-a-vis* demand. However keeping in view the future demand of vehicles for CNG, measures are being taken to increase the number of stations and to enhance the compression capacity.

Trade restriction on dealers

273. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the petroleum dealers are restrained from doing other business or profession after or before commissioning their dealerships/distributorships;

(b) if so, the reasons for selecting such candidates as dealers who are already showing income less than 2 lakhs from other business;

(c) if not, whether the Oil Corporation can terminate the dealership/